



Docket No. 205446US0

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Minoru KUNIYOSHI, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/824,768

FILED: April 4, 2001

FOR: TREATED MANGANESE ORE, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND USE THEREOF

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment w/attached marked-up copy in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required
 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
 Additional documents filed herewith:

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 3, 4, 7, 9-12, 15, 18, 21-23, 26, 27, 32 and 33 as follows:

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~~3. (Amended) The treated manganese ore of Claim 1, wherein the ratio of the amount of potassium soluble in sulfuric acid to that of manganese contained in the treated manganese ore by weight is 0.001 or lower.~~

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~~4. (Amended) The treated manganese ore of Claim 1, which is prepared by contacting a manganese ore with a reducing gas at a temperature ranging from 400 to 790° C.~~

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~~7. (Amended) A process for producing the treated manganese ore of Claim 1, which comprises:~~

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